

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question On Notice**

**Tuesday, 5 April 2022**

**663. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food**

I refer to the Sweeter Bananas Cooperative of Carnarvon, and I ask:

- (a) how many grants has the Sweeter Bananas Cooperative received since inception from the Gascoyne Development Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- (b) what was the date and value of each of those grants;
- (c) what was the outcome of each of those grants and how were the results assessed; and
- (d) does the Sweeter Bananas Cooperative lease land and grow bananas themselves?

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**Answer**

- (a) 9.
  - (b-c) See attached table.
  - (d) Yes.
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Announcement Date	Value (exc GST)	Outcomes	Assessment
13 October 1994	\$5,000	Implement a quality management system	Review of supporting documentation and audited financial statement in accordance with the grant agreement
5 May 2002	\$109,090	Fit out of mechanised packing equipment	Review of supporting documentation and audited financial statement in accordance with the grant agreement
12 November 2003	\$50,000	Expansion of centralised packing facility	Review of supporting documentation and audited financial statement in accordance with the grant agreement
13 March 2007	\$1,818	Assistance to attend the Australian Banana Growers Congress.	Proof of attendance
28 June 2010	\$83,901	Upgrade and expansion of power supply to centralised packing facility	Review of supporting documentation and audited financial statement in accordance with the grant agreement
29 September 2009	\$15,200	Desktop study and report into value adding opportunities	Review of supporting documentation and audited financial statement in accordance with the grant agreement
5 October 2018	\$2,000	Packaging and labelling advice from consultant	Consultant services provided
27 January 2021	\$270,000	Ripening and freezing facility to value-add bananas at source	Grant not complete
29 October 2021	\$99,150	Examining the use of regenerative agriculture practices	Grant not complete

**Notes**

1. Includes grants awarded by predecessors and successors to the Department of Agriculture and Food.
2. Correct name of the cooperative is Sweeter Banana Co-operative Limited.
3. Referring to answer (d) Sweeter Banana Co-operative Limited lease 60 hectares of banana plantations from two retired growers but the majority of bananas are sourced from member owned or managed plantations.